GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NEW ROAD TRANSPORT ACT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace the existing Carriers Act, 1865 and enact a new law in its place;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the discussion have been held with the concerned organizations and other stakeholders;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said Act is likely to be enacted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b): The Carriage by Road Act, 2007 has already been notified on 01-10-07 to replace the Carriers Act, 1865. Many changes have taken place since the enactment of the Carriers Act, 1865. A class of middle men//booking agents/brokers have emerged who play an increasing role in the transportation of goods by road. The Carriers Act, 1865 has no provision to regulate these middle men. In addition various other modes of transport have separate enactments in this regard. The new Act namely the Carriage by Road Act, 2007 would cater to the present day requirement of trade and transport by road as well as provide a framework to regulate the middle men in the trade and transport business.

(c): The Carriage by Road Act, 2007 was drafted after discussion with various stakeholders including road transport associations. The Act has now been notified on 01-10-07.

(d) & (e): Do not arise in view of above.